

SEES POSSIBLE CROP BLOCKADE IN CHILD LABOR

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the labor is unhygienic to take remedial action. The third was the bill drafted under the auspices of the Men's League and the Child Welfare Committee. This bill, it turned out, was given more attention than the others. It had not been introduced but all agreed that it should be.

Attorney Brockens, announced as a speaker upon the legal aspects of the new bill, not only dwelt on the legal phases but spoke generally in strong opposition to anything that savors of exploitation of child-labor. Dr. Scudder had already announced to Chairman Coney and the committee that the pineapple interests did not object to the bill on their own account, saying that they could continue in business without the labor of juveniles for long hours. Dr. Scudder added that the pineapple industry's representatives at the meeting held on Monday took the attitude that children often contribute materially to the support of their families and to deny them the right to work would be a hardship on these families.

This point was immediately touched off by Brockens. He spoke of the Palmer-Owen bill introduced in the last Congress regulating the hours for labor of children.

"Congress cannot pass a law regulating the hours of labor in the states, for the states are given the right to handle such matters," he said. "Congress could enact such legislation for this territory. However, we must consider down here that it is certain the child-labor law will be passed by the next Congress. And in order to pass a law that will handle the situation in the states, Congress says that no products secured by child-labor which in violation of the provisions of this national law shall be carried in interstate commerce."

"What does this mean for Hawaii? It means that if Congress passes this law, two years from now, let us say, we cannot ship our pineapple pack if child-labor has entered into its production. We cannot ship our sugar, presuming that the national bill will affect agricultural work."

"Therefore Hawaii here and now should enact legislation that will guard our industries against such an occurrence."

Brockens also urged the legislature to take action now so that when the congressional party comes Hawaii's progress in this regard can be shown. A number of talks with real eloquence were made during the hearing. Miss Benson of the Associated Charities, Dr. W. H. Fry, Mrs. D. L. Withers, Dr. C. Peters and James A. Rath, heartily supported the third bill. Representative Rawlins also announced his support and said he would withdraw his bill upon being convinced that the new one would cover it and that something constructive would be done at this session. Chairman Coney said there is no question the legislature will enact a law of some sort but there is much discussion as to its features.

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DISCLOSURES OF BOURBON JUDGE'S PATRONAGE MADE

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left open to doubt. In the best interest of the court he therefore deemed it advisable to withdraw, relieving the court of the embarrassment. He added:

"The only sin of which I am guilty is that I differ in political belief from those who prosecute me."

Then follows, in the official record, the following statement of the court: "I was appointed judge on December 4, 1914, and directed to qualify immediately. On the 5th I asked advice from Judge Ashford, and on the 5th qualified. Before I made any appointments, I received from Judge Ashford a confidential communication concerning my duties and appointment. I know that the honorable gentleman will not object to my quoting and making public a few matters therein contained. I quote verbatim.

"There is a certain patronage appertaining to your office, namely, the appointment of a stenographic reporter at a salary of \$175 per month, and two clerks, one at a salary of \$150 per month, and the other at a salary of \$125 per month. As a matter of fact these appointments rest with the judges of the court, but as a matter of practice each judge makes his own appointments."

"First Stenographic Reporter—You have asked me to name some competent Hawaiian for this position. Miss Bernice Dwight is well qualified, but I doubt if you can get her. Should you fail to satisfy yourself with a reporter of Hawaiian blood, I can recommend, etc., etc."

"The clerkships in your department are now held as follows: 'Melville T. Simonton is chief of desk clerk, and V. M. Harrison is assistant; the former receiving \$150 and the latter \$125 per month."

"Mr. Harrison can scarcely be said to be popular with the bar, and has a somewhat morose disposition, but thaws out on more intimate contact."

"You have already intimated to me a desire to fill the places at your disposal with Hawaiians if you can safely and creditably do so."

"I doubt not that our mutual friend Clarence D. Pringle will apply for this position (first clerk). Mr. Pringle also has many of the qualifications requisite for this position. I have this suggestion with regard to the 'breaking in' of such candidate as you may select for this position (first clerk), that if you should dispense with Mr. Harrison, the assistant clerk, and appoint to his position for the present a man whom you should select for ultimate promotion to the first clerkship, and retaining Mr. Simonton your new appointees could be trained for the higher position by Mr. Simonton."

Further than this, it would be a real convenience to me, personally and officially, should Mr. Simonton be retained in office at least until the end of the present month and year, for the reason that I would not expect you to retain him in office against your wishes for so slight a reason as this, even for a month."

"Note.—Mr. Simonton was informed by Judge Stuart of the wishes of the first judge, and that he, Stuart, wished to comply with them, whereupon Mr. Simonton tendered his resignation to take effect immediately."

"Then as to the second clerkship, \$125 a month, you might well appoint a Hawaiian or part Hawaiian to this position."

"If, however, you should care to select a white man for the position of second clerk, there are a number of such available. Among such I now think of the names of Mr. Pringle, above named, and Mr. Benevides (Portuguese), etc."

"My dear Judge, I hope you will not construe anything herein as an effort on my part to dictate your appointments to any of said offices. I feel that this is an occasion when you are peculiarly entitled to call upon me for the best advice and assistance that I can give you, and what I have written above is of such a character. It may be that it will run entirely counter to your own impressions and wishes, and, if so, I trust you will have no delinquency in so stating, and in acting entirely upon your own ideas as to what is wise and proper."

"Thus it will be seen that I followed the advice of Judge Ashford in every particular."

"First—I offered to keep Simonton as requested by Judge Ashford."

"Second—I relieved Harrison as suggested by Judge Ashford."

"Third—I appointed Pringle as second clerk on the nomination of Judge Ashford."

"Fourth—Though not material, I tried to obtain the services of Miss Bernice Dwight, as stenographer, recommended by Judge Ashford; and failing in this, I appointed her sister, Ellen Dwight, than whom there is no better stenographer in Hawaii."

"At the end of the month of December, the clerical force in my office was paid with the exception of Mr. Pringle, whom the auditor refused to pay. On January 4, 1915, I wrote the auditor."

"In that communication the judge urged the payment of salary to his second deputy. Auditor Bicknell answered, stating that Harrison had protested against it, on the ground that he himself had not been given the notice of discharge as required by law, and that Pringle had not been appointed by two or more judges of the division, also required by law. Until this point was settled the validity of Pringle's position was in doubt, and the county auditor refused to assume responsibility. On March 1, the auditor still declining to give Pringle a salary warrant, Judge Stuart wrote me again, in the same terms. To that

MAUI PLANNING TO ENTERTAIN CONGRESSMEN

[Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence]

WAILUKU, March 30.—Thursday afternoon of last week a most interesting meeting of the Maui Chamber of Commerce was held. The chief business was the entertainment Maui should give the congressional party which arrives here in May. The matter was discussed at length and it was at last decided to appoint a committee of five to have general charge of the party upon their arrival on Maui. The committee was chosen as follows: L. Weinshelmer, D. H. Case, William Walsh, L. von Tempisky and D. C. Lindsay.

The committee has held one meeting already and it is generally understood that sub-committees may be appointed to assist in every way possible in entertaining the party.

In accordance with the desires as expressed by the Promotion Committee of Honolulu the Maui Chamber appointed D. C. Lindsay as the official representative of the Promotion Committee for Maui.

President Dean of the College of Hawaii some time ago suggested the possibility of the Maui Chamber of Commerce offering to Maui students one or more scholarships from the island in the College of Hawaii. The chamber discussed the matter and it was decided that the Maui High school is now of sufficient size and the pupils have advanced to such a degree that one scholarship of \$200 or \$300 can soon be offered. The award will be determined upon scholastic lines only and by competition. D. C. Lindsay is the chairman of the committee appointed to look into the matter and he is convinced the scholarship should be offered the coming school year.

The only other matter of special interest coming before the chamber on Thursday was the oral report of C. D. Lufkin that the total amount now on hand for the Haleakala rest house was \$2804.75, and that progress has already been made on the new house, though it cannot be completed in time for the congressional party.

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letter Judge Stuart said he had received no reply.

He continued: "I have been compelled to advance to Mr. Pringle near \$100 to enable him to live. Mr. Pringle has been a first-class man in the position of second clerk; he is well educated and well related, being a cousin of the chief justice of Colorado. With his able assistance my office force has been largely instrumental in disposing of over 175 cases since I have been on the bench."

"I have no doubt that Mr. Pringle will be successful in his litigation, but I think he is entirely in the right in offering his resignation. This trouble has been of great embarrassment to the court. It detracts from its influence; when the standing of its officers is brought in question it cannot help but have a very injurious effect upon the court, and I think Mr. Pringle is right in removing that influence. His resignation is accepted with regrets."

"I will this day send to my associates the following request and Whitley. 'To Judges Ashford and Whitley. 'Gentlemen: Through the resignation of C. D. Pringle, handed in and accepted, this division is left without a second clerk. How necessary it is to have one immediately I need not impress upon you. Jury trials are now pressing upon the court. I therefore ask you to meet and name someone for this position in my division. In doing so, I request of you: first, that you name a Hawaiian if possible; second, that you will not name anyone now acting or heretofore connected with any division of this court. I will appoint the person that you will name, subject to the usual order of removal.'

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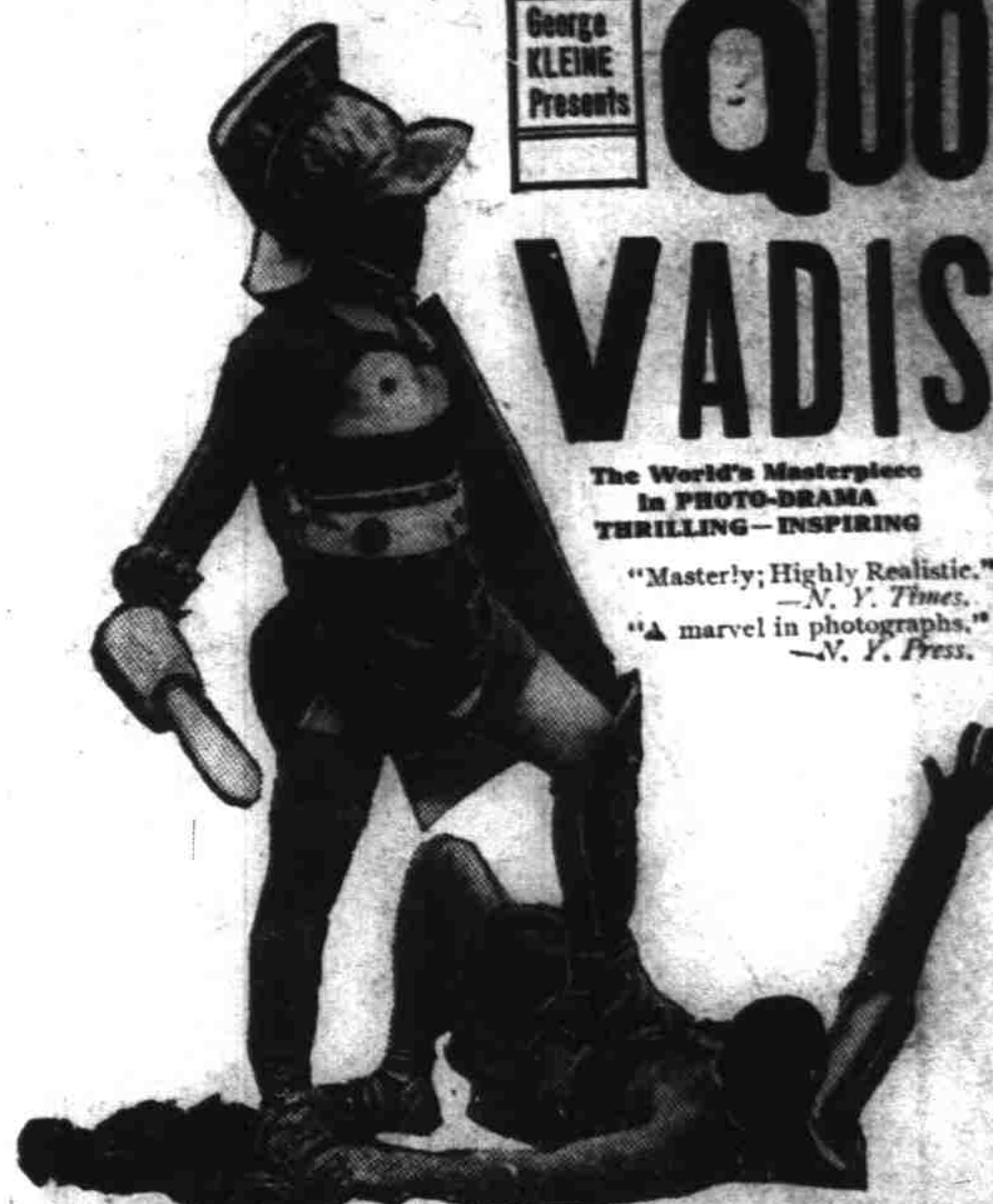
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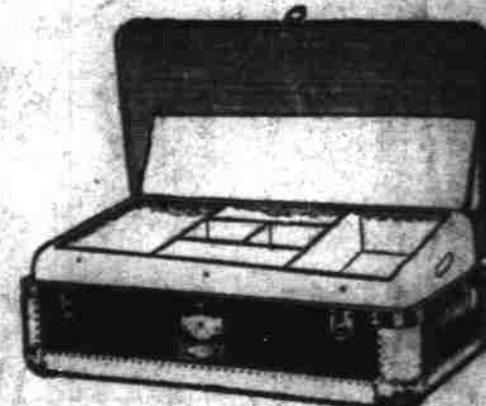
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